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THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

HELD IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, APRIL 8TH AND 9TH, 1874,

IN THE FORT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

HOME SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Year succeeds year so rapidly, it hardly seems necessary to report our work at home so frequently. The moral record, however, is not confined to these few days, else we might be discouraged. These times of meditation and review bring out in huge proportions the whole work that is to be done, and our little accomplished fades away in the comparison. I trust we may all feel truly humble. The financial year has doubtless diminished the donations. Will it be a sufficient excuse to give our weary sisters on mission ground for not sending helpers, for closing schools, for stopping the printing press? Will they think of you as denying yourself to the same extent? In this one year we are losing more than we gained in five years. How does the God of Missions read this, think you?

We have this year taken possession of a local habitation, 48 McCormick Block, Chicago. We desire that each one of you should have this address as familiar as your own. How many of you have enjoyed an hour in that small upper room, away from the dust of the street and the noise of the city? A short time ago, a little colored boy, going up in the elevator for the first time,

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said, "We are almost up to Heaven, *ain't* we?" Are our souls so dulled that we have no feeling of drawing nearer to the Master, as we go up to our Mission Home?

The correspondence with societies throughout the country has increased in interest wonderfully. The necessity of our work, and its usefulness, are drawing out the strongest sympathies of the women of the church. We say to all, this is only the beginning; go on to greater things. This year 126 new auxiliary societies and mission bands have been formed, and 144 ladies have been made life members. Our magazine, "Woman's Work for Woman," has increased in circulation, and we shall discuss at this time the wisdom of making it a monthly paper. In doing this we must call upon all the talent in each of our societies. This is a subject in which you are all interested, and hereafter, when the editress may ask you for an original article, will you not respond cheerfully, rather than seek an excuse?

Our work has received a great impetus from the visits of Mrs. Rhea in several of the States. Iowa, Indiana and Michigan, have answered nobly to her appeals. Let not one spark die out, that she has laid upon the altar. Scores of churches have been disappointed in the failure of Mrs. Rhea to visit them. After the summer months are passed, she *may* bear the mission standard within your Zion. She will only instruct you, however, and your success will depend upon your zeal, and the assistance of the Good Shepherd.

At a recent convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, held in Muncie, Indiana, Miss Rulison, a *Great Heart* in that Church, formed an auxiliary in the Presbyterian Church. When shall we be known only as Christians? I heard a voice from Heaven, "they all shall be one," and I cried, "how long, O Lord, how long?"

We would recommend to our auxiliaries to hold their annual meetings as near the general meeting of the Board as possible, otherwise they may think our Treasurer's account is incorrect. Our books agree, but we only report to-day what has been received since April 10, 1873.

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Now I must repeat again the old question: What will you do this year for your Redeemer? Each heart must answer for itself, and each heart must persevere. The enthusiasm of these good days must be cherished each dark and each sunny day, for twelve long months; long only in the future. Will you always give a little of your strength when you are feeble; a portion of your worldly goods when you are in misfortune? Will you keep up the regular monthly meeting, even if most of your Church forget her holy place? Resolutions are good, but Doing is better. If the burden is heavy, the way is very short, and the *rest* is sure. Let all the Christian women of America repeat to the broken-hearted women of heathendom, the beautiful promise we received so many centuries ago, "Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; *thou art* mine."

CHICAGO, April, 1874.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S REPORT.

One of the missionaries of the American Board, after sixteen years of labor in Hindostan, declined to speak of success achieved, but told us rather of beginnings made—the end being hidden from her knowledge.

We, then, after three years only as a distinct society, may be pardoned for waiving the question, "What have you done?" to speak rather of what we are trying to do. Among the

AMERICAN INDIANS

we have three missionaries, Miss Russell, Miss Calhoun, and Miss Susie Dougherty (whose support we have recently assumed); and one auxiliary supports two orphans in Mrs. Robertson's school.

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These ladies write of "Sabbath services and Wednesday evening prayer-meetings well attended"—of religious services kept up by Indians only, during a "hunt of eight weeks"—of the wish now and then expressed to "love Jesus."

One of them says: "It does seem to us as if the Spirit of God was brooding over this mission, ready and willing to bless us."

Such things put to shame the faithlessness so prevalent among intelligent white men, as to the power of Christ over an Indian's soul. How white are our souls in the sight of Him who left Heaven to redeem us? We read that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men who dwell on the face of the earth." Do we believe it? Is there not a sense in which we Americans are keepers of our brothers the Red Men? Can not some of our auxiliaries take scholarships in the Dacotah Home, at a yearly cost of $150.00? If you start at the expense, and ask why so much, I think the answer is—because they are in an American neighborhood.

MEXICO.

We have had some correspondence with Mrs. Thompson, at San Luis Potosi, and are daily hoping for fresh advices from her. The contributions for her school, so far, are sufficient to support a Bible-woman and seven or eight pupils; for these we have applied to her. We would like to assume her school entirely, if we are warranted in so doing. God grant that Miss Rankin's mantle may fall upon every woman who labors in Mexico; that so faith in the power of an open Bible may bring success.

THE CHINESE.

Our reports show a few donations to missions among the Chinese in California—one to a School in Sacramento City. The wave of Chinese emigration, which now elicits so much speculation, may move on towards the Atlantic coast, or it may recede to China. In either case it is important to us that contact with our own land should make this wave of humanity purer. Have we not a voice in this matter?

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At our latest advices from Miss Downing, Chefoo, China, she had received liberty from the mission to use, at her discretion, all appropriations for her school. She speaks of the great necessity to enlarge her rooms, and improve the drainage of the grounds, before the coming hot season. Here is an open door to the Minnesota Churches, which we trust they will not be slow to enter. To increase the excellence of Miss Downing's school appointments, and to fill her school with pupils—here is work for the coming year—for years to come! Shall it not be generously done?

There are reported to us one Bible-woman and one pupil at Canton; two pupils at Rev. D. C. McCoy's school at Pekin, and there are a few contributions for Mrs. Doolittle's school at Shanghai. It is to be regretted that imperfect communication between the auxiliaries and their beneficiaries, or between the auxiliaries and your secretaries, makes our report in many points uncertain and defective. Let us not only do more work, but let us be more prompt and systematic in our way of doing it.

AFRICA.

Our work in Africa is very small. Our Auxiliary has a pupil at Coriseo, but we have thus far failed to secure for others the pupils they solicited. What answer the next letter from Benita will bring we know not. Our missionary at Benita is still in this country, but her husband wrote, in June, that "throughout the entire two years of his life there, there had been unflagging interest and steady and perceptible progress, not only among those connected with the station, but even among the people." By one auxiliary, two pupils in Scotia Seminary are supported. It may be that this same Scotia Seminary is the key to our work in Africa! May not some devoted woman of this freedwoman's school be educated for a missionary physician, and go, with gifts of healing for both soul and body, to her African kinswomen? Let us earnestly pray that by some means we may work wisely and efficiently for Ethiopia, that when her time of harvest comes, there may be a few sheaves from seed of our sowing.

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SIAM.

When Mrs. House went to Siam she was asked to select pupils in her school for various auxiliaries (in all cases scholarships are better than pupils), and the reports show several donations for missions in Siam. Mrs. House writes, however, that we must wait awhile for the slow moving of an Eastern people, before a school is established from which she can offer us pupils; but she begs us not to deny her aid, when at last the way is open for her to use our funds. This slow moving of heathen nations, which so tests our faith and patience, should develop in them that tenacity which defies defeat, Let us wait for definite work in Siam, and to do it when we can.

We turn to

INDIA,

so vast in territory, so varied in climate, so numerous in peoples, and languages, and religions; where Christianity has kept her little lights burning for so many scores of years, seeming, at times, only to make the darkness of heathenism visible; but with the "sure and certain hope" that in God's own time the Son of Righteousness will rise over the tops of the Himalayas and shine into the remotest valleys. And here we have seven missionaries, but what are they among so many? And how few native teachers and Bible-readers we sustain! How much more work may we empower these seven women to do for us—how many more women may we send out if we will! During the year past the salary of Mrs. Dr. Warren, now at Gualior, has been assumed by societies in Indiana; that of Mrs. Bergen at Ambala is partially, and will, we hope, in time, be fully accepted by the churches of Louisville, Ky. From both these ladies we wait answers to our letters. Mrs. Lucas, lately transferred from Mynpurie to Futtehgurh, writes of work opening before her, full of interest, in which she solicits aid from us. Three native teachers and schools under Mrs. Lucas' care, are already provided for; who will take others? The work under Mrs. Kelso at Rawal Pindi might, it would seem, be greatly enlarged. Let us hold up her hands and stimulate her heart, not only by words, but by con-

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tributions. Our missionaries can do only what we sustain them in doing—they are exponents of ourselves.

Miss Pratt, at Dehra, and Miss Morrison, at Ambala, are steadily, earnestly, and efficiently striving to undermine idolatry in high places; to show the liberty of the gospel of Christ to those who are in the bitterest bondage of superstition, but who should lead their country-women out of darkness into light. Do not our hearts burn to do more and more of this glorious work for the Master? Miss Bacon, reluctantly submitting to her transfer from Dehra to Woodstock, will labor for the present, only too earnestly, we fear, for her life, to make the children of Anglo-Saxons worthy of Christian birth and heritage. Let us follow our gifts to Woodstock with unfailing prayer that it may be to all its inmates a sanitarium, not only for the body, but in the highest sense a sanitarium for the soul.

Under care of Mrs. Alexander, at Mynpurie, Mrs. Wilder at Kolapoor, and Miss Walsh at Allahabad (missionaries supported by the Philadelphia Society), we have four Bible women and six pupils.

SYRIA.

In Syria we have no missionary, and no independent work. A number of societies contribute generously for the school and school buildings at Sidon; one sustains a pupil in this seminary. One society supports a school, and another helps build a church near Sidon. One has a pupil at Mount Lebanon, and two others each a pupil at Beirut.

PERSIA.

In Persia, old, and poor, and pitiful; in Persia, historical, and poetical, and beautiful, we have three missionaries—Mrs. Coan, Miss Dean, and Miss Jewett; and three native teachers—Hosheboo, and Hannah, and Pharasat.

Mrs. Coan, with cares of wife and mother, and the interruptions, not from refined and cultivated neighbors, but from the curious and degraded natives, and the general mission work that nobody else finds time to do, still visits the sick and the sorrowing, and

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keeps burning for the heathen wayfarer a light in her home window. I do not think we realize how much love and patience it costs to keep, in a heathen land, the clear light of a Christian home.

Miss Dean reports thirteen pupils by name, as supported in Oroomiah Female Seminary by our various auxiliaries. Hosheboo assists in this Seminary in the winter, and henceforth, through the support of the Society at Lafayette, Ind., will be able to work in villages through the summer.

An appeal has recently been sent to many of our Sunday Schools for mountain and village schools, closed through the bitter necessity for retrenchment by the Assembly's Board; it has made our hearts ache because of their poverty and ours, and ought to move many more of our auxiliaries, as it has moved some, to take these schools and so sustain them that they will be beyond reach of retrenchment. This cannot be done by impulse; but, by a steady and constant amassing of the littles, as the ant does the grain of sand, we might keep all and more of these schools in operation, until Persia begins to sustain herself.

Miss Jewett is at last really at Tabriz, full of joy, and courage and hope, beginning her work, and sending back the earnest appeals for aid, to which responses begin to come.

While Miss Jewett waited to enter Tabriz, she was like Paul "pressed in spirit" to teach the Mussulman girls at Oroomiah. She commenced a school for them, and continued it, under some difficulties, until called to Tabriz. Thither word came to her that twenty of these Mussulman girls "were crying to go back to school." And the school is re-opened, taught by Miss Katie Cochran. Was there no Providence in Miss Jewett's delay at Oroomiah? It has given us two schools instead of one, for Miss Jewett's work is our work and we have assumed this school. One of our societies (Third Church, Chicago), begins work for it with $100.00, and asks to know more of it, so as to do more for it, and others have given for it. Is there any lack of work for us in Persia?

For two missionaries "fit to stand before kings," for Teheran, we have called to all the Northwest, and we have earnestly cried to God for them. Who has heard us? Who will answer? God has heard

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us and he will answer *through His children*. Will the answer—can the answer be—No one, Lord; not any one ready. Five of our societies have promptly offered sums from $500 down, to support these two ladies when found. But even money is easier to win than consecrated souls.

And now, in view of all these things which we are trying to do, this work to which we have put our hands, and from which we cannot look back, and the more and greater work which beckons us from before, the cry is forced from our souls, "who is sufficient for these things?" We work under so many limitations, both from within and from without.

As members of missionary organizations, we need, in a far greater degree than we possess, promptness and system. Friction, which causes both pain and hindrance, would be thus diminished.

As individuals, we feel, with more and more intensity, the call to be devoted wives and mothers, graceful dispensers of that hospitality which St. Paul enjoins; cultivated and honorable members of the society in which God has placed us; to prove to a world that has doubted for eighteen hundred years, and doubts still, that a Christian womanhood not only may be, but is, the most beautiful and the most efficient of which woman is capable, that Christ is indeed her crown of glory.

The amount of our contributions, and the character and success of our missionaries, will depend upon ourselves. It will be "in ourselves and not in our stars" if we are "underlings" in God's work for the world.

There are luminous moments in our spiritual life when the sky above us seems aglow with celestial light, when our brows are touched with an atmosphere, cool, and pure, and vivifying; when the quickened soul sees itself as it might be, with the wrinkles of care smoothed out, and the impress of the "peace which passeth understanding" left instead; the feverish, unequal toil of anxiety and faithlessness replaced by that labor of love and trust which is in itself a constant success.

But such moments are so rare! How may they become habitual? How shall we begin to attain that perfection for which we are bidden

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to strive? Is not entire consecration to Christ the Rubicon on this side of which we are irresolute and unsuccessful; on the other side of which we might go on conquering and to conquer? Will not the habit of seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness bring harmony out of discord, peace out of unrest, poise out of vacillation, liberty out of bondage?

And when, the love of Christ having constrained all our powers into obedience, we rise to the glorious liberty of the children of God; when we dare to court openly the best gifts in that "more excellent way" of charity, then, surely, God will honor our prayers and labors for the emancipation of our sisters whose souls moan or smother in their bondage.

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REPORTS OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

MICHIGAN.

Detroit Presbyterian Woman's F. M. Society.

Date of organization, April 9, 1871.

President—Mrs. Dr. J. G. Atterbury.

Vice Presidents—Mrs. Geo. S. Frost, Mrs. J. F. Whiting, Mrs. J. T. Lyon, and Mrs. S. Davis.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. Moore.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Walker.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. S. Farrand.

MISSION BANDS.

First Church—Richardson Band.

Jefferson Avenue Church—Bee Hive Band.

Fort Street Church—Young Ladies' Society, Rhea Mission Band.

Westminster Church—Westminster Band.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 51.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $1,223.40.

Special object to which money has been devoted—$400 in gold for the support of Mrs. Lucas, at Futtehgurh, India; surplus for Mexico.

REMARKS.

The individual work of the four Presbyterian Churches combined in this organization is as follows: First Church collection, $182.00; Richardson Band, Child Persian Mission, $35.00; Richardson Band, Child Mission in India, $35.00; Richardson Band, Child Mission in Canton, $50.00; Girl in Siam, $35.00; Chinese

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School, Sacramento, $50.00; Richardson Band total, $205.00. Total, First Church, $387.00.

Jefferson Avenue Church collections, including Life Membership, $106.00; Bee Hive Band, support girl at Mount Lebanon School, $75.00. Total, Jefferson Avenue Church, $181.00.

Westminster Church collections, $46.00; WOMAN'S WORK, $9.00; Westminster Band, clothing two Indian girls, Mission School, Tallahassee, and general fund, $100.00. Total, Westminster Church, $155.00.

Fort Street Church collections and Life Memberships, $279.00; Young Ladies' Society for village schools in India, $72.00; lady missionary at Teheran, $82.00; Life Memberships, $25.00. Total, Fort Street Church, $438.40.

Advices from Mrs. Lucas, our missionary in India, tell of her transfer to Futtehgurh, and the great need of educated female missionary physicians. She enlarges upon the unbounded faith the missionaries have in the noble Christian women at home, who purchased Woodstock, and adds, "I prize more than I can express the prayers of the dear ones who contribute so generously to my support."

Some fifteen months since a "plan" for organizing the Synod of Michigan into Presbyterial Societies was adopted by the Ladies Synodical Committee, and first carried into operation in Detroit Presbytery, followed by Grand Rapids, and latterly by Monroe Presbytery. Reports of each of these societies will be presented here to-day. With a reasonable hope that another year of active labor will see the other three presbyteries fully committed to the work, we thank God and take courage. The labors of the Synodical Committee have been very onerous and have devolved mostly upon this and the Ypsilanti society. The expenses of our State work, including printing, purchase of Leaflets, etc., have been borne by this society, amounting to over fifty dollars. The wants of the new mission station at Teheran, Persia, are engaging the attention of some of our new societies. Our surplus fund will go in this direction.

The organization of Mission Bands forms a prominent feature in our State work. Little hearts are earnest in the cause, little hands

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busily at work, and infant voices are asking God's blessing on childish efforts. What may we not hope for in the future, of children thus engaged?

The two missionary conventions held, at Ypsilanti in 1873 and Battle Creek in 1874, have given a great impulse to the Foreign Missionary work among our churches, and have proved of incalculable value.

The results of Presbyterial organization have been most happy in our State, fully demonstrating the power and value of associated effort, stimulating the larger churches to a holy emulation, and bringing also the smaller and weaker into active sympathy and co-operation; uniting all hearts in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

It is from a mount of blessing and privilege, with grateful humility, that we record the labors of the past year, with a consciousness that the Master has wonderfully honored our faith and desires.

In view of the work yet to be accomplished; in view of the sad retrenchments in progress in many of our missions, what a demand there is for self-sacrifice! Dear sisters, let us go up higher into this mount of blessing and of privilege, and raise there an altar of self-consecration, keeping it ever bright with the flame of a devotion pure and undying. Let us ever keep in remembrance the debt we, as Christian women, owe to the Gospel, and evince our gratitude by sending it with all its richness of blessing to our sisters in heathen lands.

The Youug Ladies' Missionary Society of the Fort Street Church, have, since October last, made, through sales of fancy goods and the proceeds of a fair, $555.96. They have, during the year, expended $339.85 in Home and Foreign Missions and for city poor, leaving $216.11 in the treasury.

M. A. Joy, *Treasurer.*

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Fort Street Church have not done as much for Foreign Missions this year as we intend to do in the future. The proceeds of our annual fair in December

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were devoted to home work. We have aided several poor families in the city, and the widow of a Home Missionary in Kansas. We have also laid aside $50 for patients at Harper Hospital, and still have a fund on hand which will be used either for the hospital or city poor. A separate fund was raised, after the fair, for foreign causes. Forty dollars were spent for the year's support of the Pierson School in India. This charge has been resigned to the Rhea Mission Band, a society formed from the younger members of the church and Sabbath school, as a result of the Battle Creek Convention.

In February Mrs. Root, the Vice President of our society, made herself a life member of the W. F. B. M. Helen Pierson, of the Rhea Band, is also a member of the same. We have fourteen subscribers for the WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN.

At our last meeting the members decided to take the support of a lady missionary at Teheran, Persia, at a cost of $450.

M. L. ORR, *Secretary.*

April 8th, 1874.

Presbyterial Society of Grand Rapids.

Agreeably to the "plan of organization" decided upon at Ypsilanti in January, 1873, the Ladies' Missionary Society of Ionia was appointed to take charge of the Woman's Work in Grand Rapids Presbytery.

As soon as the printed circulars came to hand, letters were sent, accompanied by these circulars, to each church in the Presbytery.

Two societies were immediately formed, at Portland and Muir, while from two other small churches, Ada and Pewamo, letters of sympathy and interest were returned, in which the hope was expressed that at some future time societies might be formed.

W. F. M. S., Grand Haven.

Date of organization, April 4th, 1872.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. M. Ferry.

Number of members, 46 W. M. S., 52 Band; total 98.

Mission Band, "Little by Little."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.

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Amount of money contributed during past year, $255.00; $100 from Mission Band "Little by Little."

Special object to which money has been devoted—Whole amount to be sent to Japan.

W. F. M. S., Muir.

Date of organization, April 6th, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. E. N. Cone.

Number of members, 17.

Montgomery Band, organized three weeks, 24 members.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $10.08.

The Society is weak, but with more faith and God's approval we shall prosper.

W. M. S., Ionia.

Date of organization, January, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. Laura A. Montgomery.

Number of members, 34.

Band—"Sunday School Helpers."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 10.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $100.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Support of Debki and Kamran, Mympurie India.

This Society meets once a fortnight as a sewing society, not only to increase its funds by what may be earned by the needle, but to improve the facilities thus afforded for much reading on missionary topics. Missionary geography has been studied, and our little map is much used, as we read the reports of our workers in heathen lands.

W. F. M. S., Westminster Church, Grand Rapids.

Date of organization, January 15th, 1874.

Secretary—Miss A. H. Dickinson.

Number of members, 22.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 14.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $5.00.

The report of so recent an organization must necessarily be quite

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meagre, but in compliance with the request of the Board it is respectfully submitted.

Portland has reported the existence of its society and names of officers only.

LAURA A. MONTGOMERY, *Cor. Sec'y.*

W. M. S., Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Synodical Committee, the annual meeting of our society has been changed from the second Friday of September to the second Friday of February. This report must, therefore, embrace a period of seventeen months, during which time our meetings have been regularly held.

The cause of missions has taken a deeper hold on the hearts of those whose privilege it has been to meet for prayer and the mutual discussion of such topics as might tend to awaken a greater interest in woman's work in relation to the church.

The last-mentioned subject brought out a very inspiriting essay from one of our ladies, in which we were shown not only what woman has done, but what she is doing for the spread of the gospel.

Number of members, 34.

Very sincerely yours,

MRS. A. H. HUNT, *Cor. Sec'y.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Mrs. Mary Whiting, Persian Mission	$50.00
From Memberships	54.00
Praying Band Mission Circle	13.00
	$117.00

MISS C. F. FISHER, *Treasurer.*

W. F. M. S., Presbyterian Church of Saginaw City.

Date of organization, May 26th, 1869.

Cor. Secretary—Mrs. W. S. Greene.

Number of members, 38.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 14.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $325.67.

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Special object to which money has been devoted—Support of Mrs. G. W. Coan.

REMARKS.

Although we have had some discouragements this year, we are not cast down.

Our ladies received the appeal from Mrs. Hoge. It was read at the annual meeting. We concluded we would send $150, in addition to the salary, and toward the $25,000 assessed to the Board of the N. W.

Accept, with love from MRS. W. S. GREENE, *Cor. Sec'y.*

W. F. M. S., Tecumseh.

Date of organization, 1872.

Secretary—Mrs. E. B. Wood.

Number of members, 63.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $63.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Girls' Boarding School at Sidon.

REMARKS.

We are all the time working for home missions, and have accomplished a good deal in that direction.

MRS. E. B. WOOD.

W. F. M. S. of First Presbyterian Church, Saline.

Date of organization, March 30th, 1873.

Number of members, 34.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.

Our record for the year past is brief, and presents no striking features. Yet, as we review it, we find many facts which encourage us to go on, with more implicit reliance upon the sure word of promise, and more fervent prayer.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. E. LOUISE NICHOLSON.

W. F. M. S., Franklin Street Church, Lansing.

Date of organization, March 31st, 1871.

Number of members, 8.

Amount contributed, $12.00

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Devoted to Home Missions.

Pray for us, dear sisters. It is our desire to be more efficient co-workers with you.

Yours, with much love, MRS. C. TRACY.

CORAL BAND.

Organized May 13th, 1871.

Number of members, 20.

Amount contributed, $21.00.

Devoted to Home Missions.

We hold meetings every two weeks, and make fancy articles, which we intend to dispose of at the close of this year.

CORA CLARK, *Sec'y.*

W. F. M. S. of Three Rivers.

Date of organization, February, 1871.

Secretary—Miss Josie M. Hartt.

Number of members, 50.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $59.60.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Support of a girl in Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, India. The remainder to Rev. Luke Nott, Home Mission, Isabella county, Michigan.

At times we have felt almost discouraged, when something heaven sent kept our resolution and faith alive. The little we had been able to do in the past had left its influence, and gave us fresh hope for the future. Duty is always clear and easy when the heart is beating faster and faster at the remembrance of good accomplished. There may be many others who falter for lack of faith, and fail to realize the beauty of the "widow's mite," which was so valuable to Christ. Each one of us can do a little, and must leave great results with Him who plans them, never daring to lay our armor down until the great reunion comes.

W. M. S., Pres. and Cong. Churches at Milford.

Date of organization, February 20th, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Arms.

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Number of members, 21.

Number of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 5; LIGHT AND LIFE, 4.

Amount of money contributed during the year, $32.

Devoted to Mexico.

Auxiliary to this Society are a Mission Band and a Mission Circle. They have had a hard struggle for existence, but are now quite prosperous, and pledge $25 the coming year for Mrs. Thompson's school at San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

W. M. S., Southfield.

Date of organization, February 1st, 1870.

Secretary—Mrs. Hattie Young.

Number of members, 30.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 9.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $32.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Scholarship in Miss J. Dean's school, Persia.

REMARKS.

We have been engaged in this work during the past four years, and every year our interest deepens more and more, until now we feel that to do without a monthly missionary meeting would be impossible.

Our earnest prayer to God is for the outpouring of His blessed Spirit.

W. M. S., Battle Creek.

Organized February, 1874.

Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Tomlinson.

Number of members, 30.

YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Organized February, 1874.

Secretary—Miss Ella Skinner.

Number of members, 60.

In connection with our Missionary Society, we have another, partaking of both a literary and a social character. The two societies are united under the name of the "Young Ladies' Society."

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We adopted the constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society, with such alterations as we found necessary to meet the wants of the two union societies. We have a membership of eighty two: fifty ladies; thirty-two gentlemen. Our Missionary Society meets the first Monday evening of each month. The Literary Society is held on each of the intervening Monday evenings.

The amount in the treasury, from the two branches of the society, is $42.51.

* * * * We heartily promise ourselves, through Divine guidance, to do everything we can to help on this work.

MARY H. ONDERDONK, *Cor. Sec.*

BAND RHEA GLEANERS.

Number of members, 20.

Amount contributed, $10.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK, 10.

Our money has been devoted to new mission at Teheran, Persia.

W. M. S., Stony Creek.

Date of organization, May 1, 1873.

Cor. Secretary—Miss Anna Gardner.

Number of members, 40.

Honorary members, 22.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK, taken, 14.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $52.

Devoted to the General Fund.

Miss Alice M. Stark, who became a life member of the Missionary Convention held recently, wishes to have her $25 credited to Stony Creek, as she is a member of this society.

Mt. Clemens Ladies' Missionary Society.

Date of organization, April 4, 1873.

Secretary—Julia Williams.

Number of members—39.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 11.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $32.

Special object to which money has been devoted, Mexico.

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W. F. M. S., Birmingham.

Date of organization, March 5, 1874.
No. members, 25.
Secretary—Miss Lillie McMaster.

W. F. M. Society, Northville.

Date of organization, April 6, 1873.
Secretary—Alice M. Beale.
Number of members, 26.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $44.45.
Special object to which money has been devoted, the support of a girl in Miss Dean's school.

REMARKS.

The funds remaining above the amount appropriated for the support of the pupil, whom we have named in honor of our beloved President, Martha Dubuar, have been applied for the aid of missionary work in Mexico. In addition to the amount subscribed, we have adopted the plan of a monthly ten-cent collection. We wish our work had borne more generous results, and trust next year will see us more efficient laborers in the cause of our Master.

W. F. M. Society, Bay City.

Date of organization, February 1, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. George W. Hotchkiss.
Number of members, 38.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 20.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $125.00.
Special object to which money has been devoted, Female Seminary at Oroomiah.

Michigan Female Society, Kalamazoo.

Our society was formed in October, 1873, simultaneously with Congregational and Episcopal Societies. The President and all except one of the officers are pupils. The payment of two cents per week constitutes one a member, though no one pays less than five, while some pay twenty. At our semi-annual meeting in February,

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the Treasurer reported $26.50 in the Treasury. Our constitution provides for a meeting the last Sabbath evening of each month.

The exercises consist of items of interest *told*, not read, from "WOMAN'S WORK," "The Foreign Missionary," of recitations of appropriate passages of Scripture and hymns, with singing and prayer. At this meeting some one is appointed to give a summary of our church missionary intelligence at a meeting of the whole school the following Sabbath evening. The three societies do the same, and losing sight of denominational lines, we, with united heart and voice, pray, "Thy kingdom come." This is our monthly concert, which has always been scrupulously observed since the commencement of the school. Respectfully,

MATTIE B. CHANDLER, *Cor. Sec'y.*

W. F. M. S., Coldwater.

Date of organization, April, 1873.

Secretary—Miss Ella Loomis.

Number of members, 40.

Bands and Circles—"Cheerful Givers," and "Mite Helpers."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 9.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $44.61.

Special object to which money has been devoted—To Miss Ryle, Athens, Greece, and Dehra Doon, India.

REMARKS.

We found the method of employing collectors to get the dues of members so difficult, that we had two lock-boxes made, lettered in gilt, with appropriate texts, and placed on each side of the main entrance door of our audience room in the church, for each member to drop in her dues as it suits her convenience, weekly, monthly, or yearly, and, when wholly paid, to drop a slip in with her name written on it, and the word "paid."

The "Cheerful Givers" Society was formed in July, Miss Katie Seely, Secretary. The "Mite Helpers" are the little boys in our Sabbath School, who wish to help the girls in their good work, and so do something for the cause of missions, too. They do this with their mite chests, kept at their homes, and every week drop in their

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penny, and get as many of the family to do the same as are willing. Very few are unwilling to gratify their children when the box goes round in the family circle.

Yours truly, MRS. JOHN CHANDLER.

Ypsilanti W. M. S. Auxilary.

Date of organization, April 16th, 1869.

Cor. Secretary—Miss M. L. Rice; Rec. Secretary—Miss Carrie S. Weed.

Number of members, 140.

Bands and Circles—"Young Ladies' Mission Circle," "Rice Mission Band," and "Little Gleaners."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, about 35.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $406.37.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Support of Miss Jennie Dean, of the Female Seminary at Oroomiah, Persia, in which our Society and Mission Circle share equally; support of Serra, a pupil in Miss Dean's school, by the "Little Gleaners;" support of Mary Lyon Rice, in Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, India, by "Mission Band;" and $30 as a free-will offering from the Society to our beloved Board in this time of need.

These items do not indicate our entire contributions. Our Societies have a balance in their treasuries for our Presbyterial work and other incidental expenses. Besides we have sent, during the year, a box to our loved missionary, valued at $250, making our contributions to the foreign work more than $650.

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First Presbyterian Church of Des Moines.

Date of organization, November, 20, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. M. A. Wilson.

Number of members, 26.

Names of Bands and Circles, "W. J. Gill Mission Band."

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Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 14.

Amount of money contributed during past 3 months, $27.00, exclusive of subscribtions to W. W.

W. F. M. Society of the Presbyterian Church, Burlington.

Date of organization, November 10, 1873.

Secretary—Miss Maggie U. Pollack.

Number of members, 24.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $15.00.

Missionary Society, Blairstown.

Date of organization, April 21, 1873.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Bella A. Burnett.

Number of members, 25.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 1.

Amount of money contributed during last year, $25.00.

Clarence Woman's Missionary Society.

Date of organization, March 1, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. C. E. Treadwell.

Number of members, 16.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $25.25.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Towards defraying expenses of Miss Jewett's school in Tabreez, Persia.

REMARKS.

There is to be credit given for $1.50 to the infant class of our Sabbath School.

W. F. M. Society of Marion.

Date of organization, February 18, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. J. W. McClellan.

Number of members, 17.

Names of Bands and Circles, "The Cheerful Givers," composed of the children of the church.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

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Amount of money contributed during the past year, $36.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Paying the salary of Hika, a Bible reader, in Africa.

W. F. M. Society of Lansing.

Date of organization, February 1, 1874.

Secretary—Mrs. L. M. Elmendorf.

Number of members, 4.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $12.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted—To aid in the support of Misses Jewett and Pratt.

W. F. M. Society of Wheatland.

Date of organization, April 23, 1869.

Secretary—Mrs. H. L. Stanley.

Number of members, 20.

Names of Bands and Circles, "Young People's Missionary Society," and "The Little Helpers."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 15.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $50.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted—The support of Miss Jewett in Persia.

W. F. M. Society of Independence.

Date of organization, January 6, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. J. F. Coy.

Number of members, 58.

Names of Bands and Circles, "The Morning Star."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 9.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $84.00

Special object to which money has been devoted—To assist in the support of Miss Mary Pratt, missionary to India.

W. M. S., Waterloo.

Organized, August 6th, 1872.

Secretary—Mrs. George Ordnay.

Number of members, 37.

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Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 15.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $100.12.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Towards Miss Pratt's support, Mission in India.

W. F. M. S., Hopkinton.

Organized, November 14th, 1873.

Secretary—L. T. Delavan.

Number of members, 50.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

Amount of money contributed during three months, $61.85.

Special object to which money has been devoted—To the general fund, $25.00 being devoted to constituting Mrs. Rev. S. Hodge, life member.

REMARKS.

As a Society, by the help of Jesus the Master, we have pledged each other to do more for this glorious cause, to pray more, to be more consecrated to and in, the work in the new year than in the past.

W. M. S., Central Presbyterian Church, Des Moines.

Organized, November 13th, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. M. L. Lee.

Number of members, 22, of whom 2 are life members.

Names of bands and circles,—"Rhea Band."

Organized, November 17th, 1873.

Members, 20. Sent $20.00.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $71,40.

Ottumwa.

Date of organization, November 29th, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. W. E. Chambers.

Number of members, 14.

Names of bands and circles,—None.

Number of copies of WOMEN'S WORK taken, 3.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $10.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted,—Persia.

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W. M. S., Fairview.

Organized, July 1st, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. Harriet Brown.

Number of members, 20.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $19 20.

W. F. M. S., Ackley.

Organized, September, 1872.

Secretary—Miss Emma A. Rice.

Number of members, 20.

Names of bands and circles,—1 band, "Mission Helpers."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 5.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $26.50.

Special object to which money has been devoted,—Miss M. E. Pratt's salary.

2d Presbyterian Church, Dubuque.

Date of organization, March 17th, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. Myron H Beach.

Number of members, 39.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 11.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $70.

Special object to which money has been devoted,—For Miss Jewett, for rent of school room, or for her expenses where most needed.

Mount Pleasant.

Organized, February, 1873.

Secretary—Miss Louise Bentley.

Number of members, 29.

Copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 11.

Sent $16.75 to help build a girl's Industrial school at Sidon, Syria. $31.00 to support a girl in school in Oroomiah, Persia.

Whole amount contributed during year, $57.67.

Cedar Falls W. F. M. Society.

Date of organization, September, 29, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. F. N. Chase.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. S. C. Thompson.

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Number of members, 23.

Names of Band and Circles, "Presbyterian Sunday School Missionary Society."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 10.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $14.50.

Ladies' Missionary Society, First Presbyterian Church, Kossuth.

Organized 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. S. J. Belknap.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 5.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $80.

Special object to which money has been devoted—$50 to support girl in Miss Downing's school, and $30 to support boy in Rev. D. C. McCoy's school, Pekin, China.

W. M. S., Keokuk.

Organized November 1st, 1873.

Secretary—Sallie C. Smyth.

Number of members, 7.

W. M. S., Vinton.

Organized January 18th, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. J. F. Young.

Number of members, 30.

Names of Bands and Circles—"Light Bearers," just organized.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 30.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $150.

Special object to which money has been devoted—To assist in the support of Misses Jewett and Pratt.

W. M. S. of First Pres. Church of Iowa City.

Organized May 6th, 1873.

Secretary—M. A. Marshall.

Number of members, 27.

Amount of money contributed during past year,—$60.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Girl's School at Oroomiah.

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Dubuque Auxiliary, W. B. M.

By Pledges during 11 months from April 1, 1873.....	$29 15
" Yearly memberships.....	36 00
" Donations.....	4 85
Total.....	$70 00

Additional subscribers for WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMEN:

Mrs. Wm. Kebman.....	50
" A. Palmer.....	50
" Fred. Bissell.....	50
" M. A. Beach.....	50
Total.....	$2 00

Remitted by check to Chicago, to credit of Mrs. J. Whitehead, Treas. parent Society..... $72 00

MRS. ELIZA A. OSTRANDER, *Treasurer.*

W. M. S. of Cedar Rapids.

Organized March 18th, 1869.

Secretary—Mrs. A. B. Hull.

Number of members, 59.

Name of Band—"Jewett Band."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 42.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $418.18.

Special object to which money has been devoted—$100 to the support of Miss Jewett, and the same amount to Miss Pratt, of Dehra, India. A valuable box was also sent to Miss Jewett, apprized at $220.

REMARKS.

We hope the Lord will honor our church in the present year by sending two of her members to join the loved band of missionaries in Persia.

The physician who has so long been called for, goes from us to fill the place of the sainted Dr. Rhea. May *his* mantle fall upon our beloved physician.

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W. M. S. of Second Pres. Church, Cedar Rapids.

Organized October 29th, 1873.

Secretary—Miss Anna Noble.

Number of members, 10.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $12.50.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Miss Jewett's school, if in need of funds, or, next, to Christian Girls' School debt, at Dehra.

ILLINOIS.

W. M. S., Quincy.

Our third year as one of your auxiliaries has just come to its close.

The receipts of the year have been $193.05 the last installment of which we have sent to Tabreez, Persia, where we are rejoiced to hear Miss Jewett's school is opening.

There are 16 numbers of WOMAN'S WORK taken.

H. R. BURROUGHS, *Rec. Sec.*

W. M. S., Alton.

This society has been formed three years, and is steadily increasing in interest.

Amount contributed during the year, $56.60.

There are 12 numbers of WOMAN'S WORK taken.

MRS. ISAAC SCARRITT, *Sec. pro tem.*

W. M. S., Jerseyville.

Organized March 25, 1874.

Secretary—Mary B. Striker.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 9.

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W. M. S., Third Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

Amount contributed during year, $635.00. To the support of Mrs. Kelso, in India, $350.00. Mussulman girls school, Oroomiah, $100, remainder to Persian school.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 10.

MRS. H. H. FRY, *Sec'y.*

W. M. S., First Presbyterian Church.

Organized January 4, 1871.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 75.

Amount of money contributed, $903 10. Support of Miss Morrison, in India, $500.00. Two scholarships in Scotia Seminary, N. C., $120.00. School in Tabreez, $80.00. To Waldenses, $100.00.

Our dear Miss Morrison has been greatly blessed in her work. A box, filled with tokens of love by her friends, was sent her the past year, and thankfully acknowledged by her.

MRS. ARTHUR SMITH, *Sec. and Treas.*

YOUNG LADIES' MISSIONARY BAND.

At the second meeting of our society, although not over fifteen were present, the society pledged $40.00 for the support of a little girl at Dehra Doon, India, and made arrangements for a fair the coming winter.

Not only were the members engaged in this good work, but there came liberal assistance from many outside, and of all ages, from a little girl of seven to a good old lady of seventy; and even strangers (out of good will and love to the cause), cheered us with their kind offerings. Beautiful mosses and ferns, from Wisconsin dells, were sent us by a farmer's wife, whose heart was overflowing with a desire to do something for Foreign Missions, and bright autumn leaves from Pennsylvania valley, came from a minister's wife.

The amount realized at this fair was $600.00.

DELLA M. OTIS, *Sec.*

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W. M. S. Second Presbyterian Church.

Organized February 10th, 1871.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. R. Gould.
Number of members, 85.
Numbers of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $556.43.
Special object to which money has been devoted—Miss Calhoun, Dakota Mission and Syrian Missions.

W. M. S., Fullerton Ave. Presbyterian Church.

Organized April 9th, 1872.
Secretary—Miss Waller.
Number of members, 26.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $175.

W. M. S., Peoria.

Organized, January, 1872.
Copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 20.
Amount of money contributed, $219.42, which money has been devoted to Dehra school, Northern India. We have presented the cause of needy missions in Persia to our sabbath school, and hope soon to be able to send you a little help.

MISS JULIA JOHNSTON, *Cor, Sec.*

W. M. S., Danville.

Organized, February 2d, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. Shedd.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 17.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $31.05.
Special object to which money has been devoted—For support of pupils in Miss. Dean's school.

REMARKS.

We also sent a box, valued at from $125 to $150, to Biddle Institute.

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Westminster Pres. Church, Rockford.

Organized, February 3d, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. Mary D. Holmes.
Number of members, 31.
Band—"Earnest Workers."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 10.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $58.65.
By "Earnest Workers, $30.00.
Special object to which money has been devoted—$25.00 to the support of Bible woman in Mexico, $30.00 by "Earnest Workers" for scholarship in Mrs. Thompson's school in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, the remaining $3.65, to general purposes.

W. M. S. of Pres. Church, Waukegan.

Organized September, 1872.
Secretary—Mrs. T. M. Jones.
Number of members, 32.
Names of Bands—"Cheerful Workers" merged into "Young Ladies' Band," and "Young Ladies' Mission Band."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $208.98.
Special object to which money has been devoted—Miss Dean, $81; Sidon School Building Fund, $50; Girl in school, Shanghai, China, $44.25. In treasury, $33.73.

W. F. M. S., Galesburg.

Organized January, 1871.
Secretary—Miss Emily Post.
Number of members, 20.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 15. Perhaps more.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $20.

W. F. M. S., Joliet.

Organized March, 1874.
Secretary—Mrs. H. W. Marsh.

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Number of members, 15.

Name of Band—"Mission Band," in Sunday School, numbering 30.

Ladies' M. S., Presbyterian Church, Lincoln.

Organized February 4, 1874.

Secretary—Miss M. A. Finley.

Nunber of members, 22.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $25.

W. F. M. S., Clayton.

Organized May, 1869.

Secretary—Mrs. W. W. Whipple.

Number of members, 20.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 1.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $30.

Special object to which money has been devoted—The education of a boy in China, under the care of Rev. D. C. McCoy.

W. M. S., Princeville.

Sent to Treasurer in Chicago, $57.05.

MISS ELMIRA JONES,
Sec. and Treas.

W. F. M. S., Lewiston, Fulton Co.

Organized, November, 1871.

Secretary—Mrs. J. F. Magill.

Number of members, 17.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $62.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Thirty dollars towards paying the debt; thirty-two dollars to Woodstock.

W. F. M. S., 2d Presbyterian Church, Bloomington.

Organized, December 15, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. Alice D. F. Compton.

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Number of members, 44.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 8.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $44.73.

W. M. S., Sterling.

Organized, January 31, 1873.
Secretary—Miss C. E. Bowman.
Number of members, 61.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 2.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $65.
Special object to which money has been devoted—To maintain a native woman helper in India.

W. M. S., Eureka.

Organized, Dec. 31, 1873.
Secretary—Miss Jennie Murray.
Number of members, 14.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 2.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $11.35.

W. M. S., Farmington.

Organized, January 23, 1874.
Secretary—Mrs. M. J. Bollman.
Number of members, 23.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 1.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $30.
Special object to which money has been devoted—$10 to foreign missions; $20 to educate girl in Gaboon.

W. B. M., Henry.

Organized, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. Harriet N. Vail.
Number of members, 29.
Band—"Goodly Pearls," contributing $20.00.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK, taken, 6.

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Amount of money contributed during past year, $69.87.

Special object to which money has been devoted, $36.00 toward the support of a school in India, and $28.00 for the support of a pupil at Oroomiah, in Persia.

W. F. M. S., Presbyterian Church, Monmouth.

Organized, April 1, 1873.

Secretary—Miss M. G. Stevens.

Number of members, 59.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $120.00.

W. M. S., Freeport.

Organized, May 26, 1871.

Secretary—Miss Sarah Wilson.

Number of members, 58.

Band—"Elliott Band of the Second Presbyterian Church.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 20.

Amount of money contributed during past year, Woman's Society, $63.06.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Bible reader for Persia. Elliott Band, $40.00, for Miss Jewett's Persian school.

The Elliott Band are little girls who wish to send their money for the benefit of Miss Jewett's school, Tabreez.

MRS. WM. P. MALBURN, *Sec.*

W. F. M. S., Onarga.

Organized, December 21, 1873.

Number of members, 33.

Plan of contribution: voluntary offerings dropped in a box at the door.

Amount of money raised, $31.45.

Twenty-five dollars raised for constituting one life member of the W. B. F. M. of the Northwest.

The Sabbath school was organized as a Mission Band June 1, 1873.

MRS. EMILY RISSER, *Sec.*

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W. M. S., Princeton.

Organized, December 10, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. S. L. Reeve.
Number of members, 20.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 13.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $25.00.

W. F. M. S., Belvidere.

Organized, March 14, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. M. M. Rutger.
Number of members, 52.
Whole amount given, $100.00.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 6.

W. M. S., Clinton.

Organized, Dec. 27, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs Wm. Bishop.
Number of members, 18.
Band—"Ladies' Missionary Band."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 8.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $25.
Special object to which money has been devoted—The education of pupils in Persia.

W. M. S., Urbana.

Organized, February 14, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. S. M. Morton.
Number of members, 13.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 1.
Band—"Workers for Jesus."
Amount of money contributed during past year, $17.90.
Special object—Mission in Persia.

REMARKS.

The children's band, "Workers for Jesus," organized Feb. 1, 1873, and has been quite regular in its meetings.

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Seven members were present at our last meeting, when it was decided to *disband* our organization. I am sorry that I have to send you such word as this. I still hope that the seed sown will yet yield something.

L. F. M. S., Hyde Park.

Date of organization, January 22, 1869.
Secretary—Mrs. H. N. Hibbard.
Number of members, 44.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $285.
Special object—Persia, $100; Woman's Board, $185.

REMARKS.

The Society has received from a friend in Wisconsin, through Mrs. Jeremiah Porter, $100.

The Young Ladies Missionary Society of Hyde Park, called "The Reapers," was organized in August, 1873, with a membership of 17 young ladies. By the labor of their hands they accumulated quite a large number of fancy articles, and, on the 18th of December, 1873, a "Parlor Fair" was held at the residence of Hon. E. S. Williams. The net profits of this Fair were one hundred and fifty dollars. One hundred dollars were sent to Mrs. Sarah J. Rhea, to be used as she should think best for the benefit of Persian missions.

W. M. S., Evanston.

Date of organization, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. A. N. Gibbs.
Number of members, 92.
Band—"Noyes Band."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 25.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $575.
Noyes Band..... 185—$760.
Special object—Miss Bacon's salary.

From our little church of about two hundred members, and none rich, the sum of $760, making a grand total for our three years' work of $1,487.75.

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INDIANA.

W. M. S., First Pres. Church, Madison.

Organized October 9th, 1872.
Secretary—Miss Kitty M. Lodge.
Number of members, 32.
Life members, 6.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 5.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $279.

Sidon School Building, $60. Sent to Philadelhpia. Miss Jewett's school, $85. Home missions—Box to Rev. J. T. Patterson, $166.00. Unappropriated, $18. Total, $279.

Valparaiso.

Organized February, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. A. V. Bartholomew.
Number of members, 46.
Band, "Willing Workers," organized in February, 1874.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 19.
Amount of money contributed during last year, $172.50.

To back debt of Foreign Missionary Board	$ 54.50
To Sidon School Building	49.00
To Bethany Church, Colorado	10.00
For Mrs. Warren's salary	45.00
"Willing Workers" for Tabreez school	14.00
	$172.50

New Albany.

The Woman's Presbyterial Society consists at present of the churches in Mitchell, Salem, Charlestown, Bedford, Jeffersonville, and New Albany. The aim of this Presbyterial Society is to get each woman, whose name is enrolled as a member of the Presbyterian Church, in the bounds of the New Albany Presbytery, to

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become a co-worker with Christ in saving the souls of our sisters, who now sit in bondage in heathen lands. We are, as yet, in very feeble infancy, but with the help of the Lord, we hope to grow in strength and might.

MRS. EDWARD H. MANN, *Sec.*

Ladies' M. S., Laporte.

Number of members, 24.

Mission Circle, 5.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3.

Amount of money contributed, $15.44, which has been devoted to foreign and home work.

The Ladies' Society was organized in November, 1872, and was auxiliary to the New York Board of Missions until December, 1873, when they became auxiliary to the W. P. B. M. of the Northwest, Chicago.

MISS KATE M. CHAPMAN, *Sec.*

W. F. M. S., Franklin.

Organized, May 21, 1873.

Secretary—Mrs. R. T. Taylor.

Number of members, 68.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 21.

Amount of money contributed during the past year, $301.23.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Mrs. Dr. Warren's salary.

Mission Band, "Busy Bees," organized August 17, 1873; Secretary, Miss Eleanor J. Clarke; number of members, 41.

Money contributed, $42.00.

Indianapolis.

Organized, April, 1872.

President—Mrs. J. P. E. Kumler.

Treasurer—Miss Grettie Y. Holliday.

Number of members, 40.

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 105.

Money contributed during past year, $41.56.

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W. F. M S., First Church, Lafayette.

Organized March 8, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. W. L. Ward.
Number of members, 35.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 25.
Money contributed during past year, $205.65.
Money appropriated—Sidon Mission, $50.00; debt of Board, $76.35; Mrs. Warren's support, $50.00.

Michigan City.

Organized March 6, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. H. V. Hitchcock.
Number of members, 15.
Band and Circle—"The Cheerful Workers," and "The Busy Bees."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3,
Amount of money contributed during past year, $33.80.
The money has been devoted for the support of Mrs. Warren.

W. M. S., 1st Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute.

Organized, April 4, 1873.
Number of members, 30.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 6.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $45.
Special object—$15 for Mexico; $30 for India for support of Mrs. Warren.

MRS. ADELIA ELMER, *Secretary.*

W. M. S., Wabash.

Organized, March 19, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. M. R. Whiteside.
Number of members, 35.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.
Amount of money contributed during past year $50.31.
Special object to which money has been devoted—The education of a scholar in Oroomiah, Persia.

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W. M. S., Aurora.

Organized, April, 1873.
Secretary—Miss A. T. Smith.
Number of members, 30.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $50.
Special object to which money has been devoted—The support of Mariam Negem, of Dibberza, educating for a teacher.
During the next year we would like to furnish the means necessary to support this young girl as a teacher.

OHIO.

W. M. S., Westminster Church, Toledo.

Organized, Dec. 27, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. Albert E. Scott.
Number of members, 56.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 4.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $57.75.
The money has been devoted for Bible-reader in Persia.

W. M. S., Marysville.

Organized, 1872.
Secretary—Mrs. A. Thompson.
Number of members, 40.
Mission Band, "Stars of Hope."
Secretary—Rosa Patton.
Number of members, 19.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 3.
Money contributed, $25.
Anna E. March, $1.
The Band, "Stars of Hope," was organized October, 1872, with twelve members. In January, of the following year, nine of these

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dear children professed their faith in Christ, and were received into the church; and in June the youngest of these, Anna E. March, our pastor's little daughter, aged ten years, was taken to her Father's house above. I send you one dollar, the amount contained in Anna's purse at the time of her death.

W. M. S., Granville.

Organized, January 26, 1870.
Secretary—Mrs. W. P. Kerr.
Number of members, 25.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 12.
Money contributed, $89.

REMARKS.

We have completed the fourth year of our existence as a society, in connection with the work of women among her degraded and ignorant sisters, and though we have seemed to do less during the past year, our numbers are considerably less than during the first year, when we were auxiliary to the W. B. M. I. But we are not discouraged. If our little part is done with faith, accompanied with earnest prayer, we know the divine Master will bring about the results that will best honor and glorify His name.

MISS L. C. BEACH.

WISCONSIN.

Beloit.

Organized, February 18, 1874.
Secretary—Miss M. K. Brown.
Number of members, 18.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 11.
Amount of money contributed, $13.70.

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W. F. M. S., Ottawa.

Organized, March 28, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. A. Laney.
Number of members, 4.
Money contributed during past year, $5.35.

W. M. S., Omro.

Mrs. L.:

I am happy to be able to tell you of the organization of the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Omro."

We met, about twenty ladies, and formed our society on the 13th of February, with the following officers:

President—Mrs. N. Frank.
Vice Presidents—Mrs. M. A. Augur, Mrs. C. S. Murphy.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. H. L. Brown.

We have held two regular meetings and from the interest manifested I feel much encouraged to hope that we shall be able to do something for the good cause.

W. F. M. S., LaCrosse.

Organized, October, 1873.
Secretary—Mrs. D. G. Albert.
Number of members, 21.
Money contributed, $15.25.

MINNESOTA.

W. M. S., Rochester.

Organized, 1870.
Number of members, 23.

"Downing Band" hopes to educate a girl in Miss Downing's school, Chefoo, China.

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Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 7.

Amount of money contributed during past six months, $30.00.

Special object to which money has been devoted—Miss Downing's salary.

REMARKS.

The society here was suspended from March of last year until October. In October it was organized, we trust, never again to die or languish. The poor sum our Treasurer sends has caused us many regrets, nay, even tears, at its smallness, yet we send thus watered, and have faith to hope the coming year will send us an increase, both in our church and society of true working members. Many, whose names were upon our roll last year, have removed to other homes in the farther West, or removed to that goodly country, "the land which is very far off." Our monthly meetings are well attended, and full of interest.

Yours, very truly,

MRS. L. L. NEWELL, *Cor. Sec.*

W. M. S., Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis.

Date of organization, February 6, 1871.

Secretary—Miss M. A. Oliphant.

Number of members, 45.

Band, "Cheerful Givers."

Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 23.

Money given, $130.00, for the support of Miss Downing, China. Frank Nyanza, Bolondo, West Africa; also a Persian girl supported by Mission Band.

We have sent a box of clothing, valued at $60.00, to Dakota Territory, for the Indian pastor of the church at Flandreau.

Mankato.

Organized November 1, 1873.

Secretary—Miss Z. Wampler.

Number of members 46.

Money contributed during past year, $75.00, and devoted to the salary of Miss Downing, of China.

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Red Wing.

Organized February 1, 1871.
Secretary—Mrs. T. B. McCord.
Number of members, 59.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $50.00.

TEXAS.

W. F. M. S., Austin.

Organized July 5, 1873.
Secretary—Miss Annie Townsend.
Number of members, 23.
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 2.
Money contributed, $170.00.

Our money heretofore has been devoted to no particular object, but hereafter we desire that it should be divided between the Home and Foreign Missions.

I should have said that we were *thinking* of dividing the proceeds of our society between the two.

We are discussing it in our meetings, but have not fully decided as yet.

NEBRASKA.

L. F. M. S., First Pres. Church, Nebraska City.

Organized January, 1872.
Number of members, 45.
Band—"Mary Gregory Band."
Number of copies of WOMAN'S WORK taken, 17.

Amount of money contributed during past year, $73.50; which has been devoted for the support of a Bible reader in Canton,

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China, and toward the purchase of a house at the new mission station, Panalla, India.

The interest in the work is increasing, and our contributions much better than last year, though we are on mission ground ourselves. Mrs. J. D. Kerr, *Secretary.*

MISSOURI.

March 7, 1874.

My dear Mrs. L.

We organized, November, 1873, and now have thirty-three members, and a society of twenty-five in the Sabbath school, called "Cheerful Givers." We hope soon to count the entire school, who will work for both Foreign and Home Missions.

Our treasurer has forwarded $38.50 to the general society, and before April 9th will forward $21.50, making $60.00—the amount we pledged for the Persian mission this year.

God grant that we may all unite the *love* of Mary with the *service* of Martha, and thus be *wholly* consecrated to our Saviour.

Our state seems like a great mission field itself, yet we ought not to neglect the foreign work. "There is that scattereth abroad, and yet increaseth itself."

Miss F. H. Wright, *Sec'y.*

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KENTUCKY.

Warren Church, Louisville.

Organized September 15, 1873.
Secretary—Maggie E. Fulton.
Number of members, 13.
Number of copies of Woman's Work taken, 2.
Amount of money contributed during past year, $43.75.

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OUR WORK, AND ITS MANNER OF ACCOMPLISHMENT.

As the last snow of winter had just scattered its crystals in soft profusion over yard and street, returning home one evening, I met a little girl, leaning against a broken railing.

A tattered, short, and scanty dress but partially sheltered the child from the chilling breeze. I said, "Little girl, aren't you cold?" "Yes." "Do you live here?" "Yes." "Why do you not go in from the cold?" Looking up, with glad, childish interest, she said, "I am printin' my foot!"

Away in the ages past, perhaps 2,000 years before Abraham went down into Egypt, were laid the *foundations* of the Pyramids. Lives measured *by centuries* were *wrought into them.* The stone was quarried at a distance, and so exact was its measurement, and so perfect its finish, that neither hammer nor chisel is found, to suggest the sound of the one or the clink of the other.

These Pyramids have, all along the ages, told in an object-lesson —rather in a massive hieroglyphic—the genius, the skill, the science, and the power of an early and high civilization; possibly, too, in dim shadow, the religion and politics which emanated from Eden.

Is it a far-fetched thought, that from the sunlight we inherit the shadow; from the volcano, quiet; from the earthquake, the continents? Is it, then, a crude thought, a wild vagary, that so to us descends an inheritance in the Pyramids—a legacy in the footprint of the little girl?—our great work, and the manner of its accomplishment!

Our work! Cut out without hands, and, parallel with the prophetic stone of Daniel, destined to fill the whole earth. Stupendous even in embryo. The elevation and Christianization of 400,000,000

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of women in the darkness and woe of idolatry, Mohammedanism, Papacy and the formalism of nominal religions.

The conversion of 400,000,000 of women! Take in the thought by comparison—4,000,000 of freedmen—40,000,000 inhabitants in these United States; and *ten times* that number of *women*, to whom the sweet name of Jesus is unknown; women unsaved, with understandings darkened, reason blinded, judgment perverted, hopes crushed!

The masses of India are utterly unfit to receive any idea, or understand anything beyond eating, drinking, dressing, and putting on their ornaments, so entirely has their self-appreciation and sense of personal responsibility been obliterated. Said a returned Missionary to me last week, "I entered a Zenana and told the women of Heaven; they said it was *beautiful!* I told them of that *sad world*, the abode of those who did evil. With stolid indifference they replied, *we* know nothing about it,—our husbands know,—we are *women* and *know nothing at all.*" And these poor degraded ones are to give their impress to 800,000,000. The thought is appalling!

We hear much of Woman's mission. Is not this work vast enough and holy enough to fill all our aspirations? We have consecrated ourselves and our daughters to it. Our daughters—have they rare gifts of mind; has Christian culture thrown over them the choicest refinement, the purest benevolence, the deepest love? Then shall their work be the better. Is it not the choicest types of Christian womanhood which can best impress upon heathen women the purity and refinement which Christianity bestows? Many of us gave our sons to God in the service of the country; some our *only* sons, and no voice cried, as to Abraham, "a substitute is found," but the sacrifice was accepted, and our hearts weep now, as then; the vacant seat is never filled; we miss the tender love, the sweet sympathy, the hour of prayer with our loved, not lost! Shall we now refuse to give our daughters to this work of blessing other lands? Nay, the choicest, the best? God asks them.

We have already sent 50 of these dear ones, to superintend girls' schools, to teach in Zenanas, and to meet the timid native women in

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the hidden and sheltered lanes and by-ways where they congregate, unembarrassed by the expected or real presence of husband, brother or son.

How shall *funds* for such a work be obtained? The gold and the silver are the Lord's, but we must coin them. We plead, first, for an intelligent and complete organization in every Presbyterian Church in our land. Why not? Is there one hand too tightly clinched to be opened to this blessed charity, or one heart too cold in spiritual death to breathe a prayer for our success? Let no branch fear dying of ennui, nor that it shall prove only the cold, flashing, fading aurora borealis. It shall be to the individual church the prophecy of its power, and the measure of its spiritual life.

On a beautiful morning in the winter, there hung a rare gem in the sky. The sun had risen an hour before, and half way from the horizon to the zenith rested a perfect circle of light, upon which hung four miniature suns—the parhelia. At the zenith was a crown, apparently a foot in diameter, rivaling in perfection and richness of color the brightest rainbow. For an hour it scattered its orange and purple, its gold and green. I longed to take it, and with heart entranced, I said, "Beautiful crown!" Little mist-world, revealed by the silent work of each atom, beautified by its work, and a blessing, for it dropped into my heart a lesson: Individual work, revealing and beautifying individual character; united organization, the rainbow of promise to heathen womanhood.

Such a parhelia to-day rests over Michigan; and so rich a crown over your own Ypsilanti. Individual work—complete organization in a single church. The ladies, numbering 150, are organized into a "Woman's Missionary Society," and meet monthly. This did not accommodate the young ladies, many of whom are teachers and students in the schools, and they are formed into an auxiliary, holding monthly meetings at the residences of the members, admitting young gentlemen as honorary members; all paying $1.00 per year membership. They meet at 6 P. M., for work or business; at 8 the honorary members join them, and the time is spent socially; care being taken not to lose sight of being a missionary organization. Refreshments are served, but limited in variety. The pastor is in-

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vited, and at the close a prayer is offered and a hymn sung. "We are particularly pleased," writes the Secretary, "with this society in its two-fold aspect; it promotes acquaintance and sociability among the young people, and gives them a *work to do*. Its gatherings are among the most popular in our city." Then the precious little girls—and why not the boys?—are organized as "Little Gleaners," meeting on Saturday afternoon, monthly, spending an hour in work, paying one penny per week membership. When the young ladies give an entertainment they are allowed a table for their work, or go through the social rooms selling flowers, confectionery, etc. A Bible class, which cannot meet with any of these, contributes by itself; and what is the result of all this in the mission field? The support of Miss Dean, of Oroomiah, the tuition of a girl in her school, and the support of another in Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor. If this be the result of *nearly* complete organization in *one* church, should every other follow there shall be no unsatisfied cry from the heathen world; and the reflex influence at home will bless, not only our daughters, but our *sons*, around whom, alas! is thrown but feeble influence for good. To insure thorough organization, each Presbytery needs a Presbyterial Society, and their immediate formation we would urge upon the attention of the delegates present. Our work will thus embrace larger and more perfect schemes, and the results will be more apparent. For instance, the Presbyterial Society of Newark, N. J. Three of its churches work for Syria; all the rest work for the Canton Mission, supporting all the unmarried lady missionaries, except one previously provided for; erecting needed buildings, supporting schools, and are now arranging for a Sanitarium, to prolong, if possible, the lives of their missionaries. A clearer insight into the *possibilities* within our reach, will, we think, show the advantages of centralizing, instead of scattering, the small contributions of individual churches.

Complete organization, too, ensures giving; and giving should be made a means of grace. In this, let us become as little children, giving our mites.

To secure these mites, I would urge a system of weekly or monthly pledges; the envelope system, or the card. This is an

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innovation to which we, as Presbyterians, do not take kindly. It costs much less thought, attention, and time, too, to pay one, ten, fifty or one hundred dollars yearly, than 2, 5, 25 cents, or $1.00 per week, but this frequent thought is an element of power in the Mission work. What we think of often, we pray for often; our alms and our prayers are inseparable. Think of praying for Missions *once a year!* Think of rain *once a year!* We would urge the "Envelope System," or this frequent giving, as an aid to our devotions, if the amount of funds were not thereby increased. Allow me to cite as examples in the West, the ladies of Cedar Rapids, raising nearly $550 in this way, a large advance upon other methods; and those of Quincy and Rock Island, Ills.; and in the East, the First Presbyterian Church of Newark N. J., in which but two ladies subscribe as much as $1.00 per month, yet their usual contributions are $1,000 per year from these small sums. Besides, it is the Divine plan; he gives the mighty dew, the frequent rain, not the yearly deluge. He gives the springs, the rills, the streams, not all one ocean; the frequent breezes, not all one tornado. Let us take lessons, too, from the Romanists; their massive cathedrals, churches, convents, how are they built? How do the Peter's Pence accumulate into the *millions of dollars?* Not by the yearly $10,000's pledged by the Government of Ecuador, till Rome and Italy again swear allegiance to the Pope! but by the *frequent giving* of the *littles*. We are urgent to secure this method of contribution. Let us give it a hearty, persistent trial, and instead of $25,000 raised with difficulty, we will have $50,000 and a heavy deposit of love and prayer in that bank which honors every draft.

But no inquiry is so frequent as

"HOW DO YOU SPEND THE HOUR OF MONTHLY MEETING?"

From extensive correspondence on this question, and a request, "Please send me a programme of a live, earnest meeting," allow me to present a small Society of only 30 members, in Illinois. The missions of our Board are catalogued, the "Am. Board" given as a whole; the Union Miss. Society, Papal Europe, and Freedmen. Each lady selects one upon which to report for the year. The meeting is opened by reading a paragraph or a promise, referring to the

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conquests of the church. Prayer is offered and a hymn sung. The Secretary's report is read; it is not one of mere business, but recalls, in brief, the state of the missions, a month ago. The President then calls for Persia; the history of the early Nestorians is given, then Christian and missionary work, the causes that led to their decay, the introduction of error, their lapse into a lifeless formalism, etc.; the remainder is carried over to the next meeting.

China is called for, and the latest news is given. Canton Mission is thoroughly canvassed, and our hearts rejoice that from China, the ancient land of Sinim, comes the news of a precious revival. Pekin, too, is brought in, for we had a claim for years on Mrs. Bridgeman, and now on her successor, Miss Porter. For Japan the time is too short; we hastily call on Mrs. Pruyn; then rapidly follow the Elders of the First Church in their lay-preaching tour into the interior. Africa comes in, benighted; but Mrs. Reutlinger is encouraged by the progress of the women, and the Arabic Bible has just found its way into the interior, and is being read and favorably compared with the Koran. Now a letter is introduced pleading for Africa, through our *Freedmen.* Every race has its work. Is not the redemption of Africa waiting for them? Mexico and South America follow in quick succession. We have had just a *glimpse* of heathenism; we adore the grace that stoops so low; we have been taught by the faith of the Persian convert; the tear of sympathy has been dropped for the loss of dear Mrs. Happer, and we have prayed that dear Mrs. Capp may be tenderly borne home in the kind Father's arms; we clasp hands with Mexico, for she has divorced the church from the State, and her schools from the power of the priesthood; and we congratulate Chili for striking a heavy blow at the Papacy in sanctioning marriage as a *civil* institution.

Thus we gather up the dews of the month in the ripened fruits and close with prayer. "No hour in all the month," says the Secretary, "seems so short. We brought our pitchers to this well, and return with them filled." If the interest in a small Society is so well sustained, what may not be reached by the larger? Only secure the diffusion of knowledge; we cannot labor or pray understandingly without it.

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One force more, and entirely the strongest within our reach, is *prayer*. Says Miss Morrison of China: "Pray as you never have prayed before for the heathen." Says Mrs. Newton of India: "I *do* need your prayers." Says Miss Noyes: "Do not forget to pray for Canton." Mrs. Reutlinger, alluding to the sad confession of a Corisco woman: "We are *bought with bars of iron, and ruled with iron*," says, "pray for us." Prayer is the breath of love, and the broad work of a world's regeneration can be accomplished only by that warm love of woman which knows no repulse, and by her generous hand, which is paralyzed only by death. Pagan enemies of the early church said in surprise: "What women these Christians have!" and it *is* wonderful how Christ has everywhere associated women with Himself in the work of salvation.

In the immensity of our work, the Egyptian Pyramids are but toys at our feet; and our footprints are so small, so few, so ragged! Our life hastens to its meridian, and we have scarcely yet laid the foundation stones!

We sound the reveille—to the work! to the work! Hew, and chisel, and polish! Lengthen and widen the foundations! carry up the superstructure, and each block shall be a beautiful mosaic of Christian woman's love and toil, faith and self-denial, and when the top stone, inscribed in gleaming letters, "Ichthus,"—"Salvation through Christ"—shall have been laid by other hands than ours,

> "One song shall burst from every nation—one cry—
> Worthy the Lamb, for He was slain for us;
> The dwellers in the vales and on the rocks
> Shout to each other, and the mountain tops,
> From distant mountains, catch the flying joy!"

And, like a cloud of incense, earth, with her thousand voices, tells the silent sky, and tells the stars, and tells yon rising sun—aye, more—the crowd of watching angels, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ!" "Praise ye the Lord!"

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The lists of contributions have already been published in WOMAN'S WORK and in the FOREIGN MISSIONARY, and the reports of Auxiliaries, etc., have in many cases included their treasurer's reports; therefore we omit the details.

MRS. JESSE WHITEHEAD, *Treasurer*,
223 Michigan Avenue.

RECEIPTS OF W. P. B. M. OF THE N. W. FROM APRIL 1, 1873, TO APRIL 1, 1874.

Michigan	$2,928 35
Indiana	1,247 64
Ohio	341 03
Illinois	6,606 08
Minnesota	349 50
Wisconsin	228 86
Iowa	1,545 71
Kentucky	63 75
Texas	121 75
Nebraska	90 00
Missouri	60 00
Miscellaneous	41 90
Books, Leaflets, etc	56 28
Total receipts	$12,731 15

DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

Stationery, printing, postage and engraving	$311 02
Freight and expressage	36 84

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Traveling expenses for missionary and delegates	135 75	
Gold draft to Miss Downing	8 00	
Books purchased	72 08	
Janitor, for care of room for seven months	27 00	
Salaries of missionary and superintendent of mission room, seven months	880 00	1,470 59
July 15, 1873, Draft to Mr. Prochet for Waldensian Mission	100 00	
Aug. 1, 1873, Draft to Wm. Rankin, Treasurer N. Y. B F. M., to make Mrs. Mary Whiting a Life Member of Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions	30 00	
Jan. 23, 1874, Draft returned to Coral Band, Lansing, Mich., (by request)	21 00	
Feb. 21, 1874, Draft to Rev. Luke Dorland, Concord, N. C., for two scholarships in Scotia Seminary	120 00	271 00
Sept. 20, 1873, sent to the N. Y. Board	1,000 00	
Oct. 4, " " " " "	1,637 31	
Nov. 8, " " " " "	487 85	
Dec. 10, " " " " "	549 25	
Jan. 6, 1874, " " " "	533 56	
Feb. 5, " " " " "	876 93	
Mar. 10, " " " " "	948 80	6,033 70
		$7,775 39
April 1, 1874, Balance on hand		4,955 76

APPROPRIATIONS TO SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES AND FOR MISSION WORK.

For Mrs. Kelso's salary	$350 00
" Miss Morrison's "	404 85
" " Jewett's "	185 00
" " Pratt's "	376 00
" " Dean's "	315 00
" " Downing's "	270 00

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For Mrs. Lucas' salary	350	00
" Miss Russell's "	238	50
" Mrs. Coan's "	285	46
" " Warren's "	190	85
" Miss Calhoun's "	405	37
" " Bacon's "	425	00
" Mrs. Bergen's "	43	75
" Supt. schools, mission work, native teachers and pupils, in Persia, Japan, China, Mexico, India, Africa, Syria,	2,193	92
	6,033	70

ADDENDA.

For two scholarships in Scotia Sem. Concord, North Carolina	120	00
For Waldensian Mission	100	00
" Life membership of Board of F. Missions	30	00
Returned to Lansing, Mich	21	00

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SALARIES OF MISSIONARIES.

The married lady missionaries in all our missions receive $400 per annum (gold), except in Africa, where the salary is $300.

For unmarried ladies the rate is as follows:

India,	$500	(gold.)
Siam,	500	"
China,	450 to 500	"
Brazil,	600	"
Mexico,	600	"
Persia,	350 to 400	"
Syria,	450	"
Africa,	300	(currency.)
Japan,	600	(gold.)

POSTAGES.

OVERLAND MAIL.—Letters for the Overland Mail are forwarded from the Mission House, 23 Centre Street, New York, by the steamers nearest the 1st and 15th of each month. The following rates are for each half ounce in weight:

Liberia, 16 cents.	U. S. Columbia, 18 cents.	India, 22 cents.
Corisco, 16 "	Brazil, 15 "	China, 10 "
Gaboon, 16 "	Siam, 28 "	Japan, 10 "
Syria, 12 "	Persia to Constantinople, 12 cents.	

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NAME.	STATION.	SUPPORTED BY	*Sal. Gold.*
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Miss Emma Calhoun	Greenwood, Dakota, Ter	Second Church, Chicago	400
Miss Susie Dougherty	Odanah, Bayfield, Wis	Society at Large	250
Miss C. B. Downing	Chefoo, China	Auxiliaries in Minnesota	500
Mrs. S. H. Murphy	Benita, Africa	Fullerton Ave. Church, Chicago	300
Mrs. J. J. Lucas	Futtehgurh, India	Detroit	400
Mrs. A. P. Kelso	Rawal Pindie, India	Third Church, Chicago	400
Mrs. Dr. Warren	Gnalior, India	Auxiliaries in Indiana	400
Mrs. Geo. S. Bergen	Ambala, India	Warren St. Ch. Louisville part'ly	400
Miss H. E. Morrison	Ambala, India	First Church, Chicago	500
Miss Julia Bacon	Woodstock, India	Evanston Ill	500
Miss Mary E. Pratt	Dehra Doon, India	Auxiliaris in Iowa	500
Miss Mary Jewett	Tabriz, Persia	Auxiliaries in Iowa	400
Miss Jennie Dean	Oroomiah, Persia	Ypsilanti, Mich	400
Mrs. Geo. W. Coan	Oroomiah, Persia	Saginaw, Mich	400

The following lists are complete, so far as the objects supported by auxiliaries are known to the Secretaries by name, or in any other way. In cases where an auxiliary wishes a certain object, but has not yet obtained it, the reference to this object is only in the report of the auxiliary. It is very desirable that auxiliaries should give NAMES of objects supported by them, and state whether they hold communication with missionaries independent of the Secretaries.

PUPILS AMONG THE AMERICAN INDIANS.

Lavinia Tulsir, Westminster Band, Detroit.
Mulsie Randall, Westminster Band, Detroit.

A Bible woman in Mrs. Thompson's school, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, of whom Mrs. T. has written us, and seven or eight pupils in the same school are applied for.

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BIBLE WOMEN AND PUPILS IN CHINA.

Bible woman, Canton—Nebraska City.

A-sam in Miss Noyes' school, Canton—Y. L. Missionary Band, Freeport, Ill.

Delight, pupil, Ningpo—Richardson Missionary Band, Detroit.

Lieng Feng, in Rev. D. C. McCoy's school, Pekin—Kossuth, Iowa.

Boy in Rev. D. C. McCoy's school, Pekin—Clayton, Ill.

Ju Jing, Miss Downing's school, Chefoo—Kossuth, Iowa.

Marti, Miss Downing's school, Chefoo—Earnest Workers, Rock Island, Ill.

Mali, Cheefoo—Rochester, Minn.

Girl, Shanghai—Waukegan, Ill.

School for Chinese in Sacramento, Cal.—Richardson Missionary Band, Detroit.

AFRICA.

Hika, teacher, Corisco—Marion, Iowa.

Frank Nyanza, Bolondo—W. M. S. Westminster Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

Girl, Gaboon—Farmington, Ill.

Two scholarships, Scotia Seminary, South Carolina—First Church, Chicago.

BIBLE WOMEN IN INDIA.

Debki, Mynpurie—Ionia, Mich.

Lulli, Mynpurie—Constantine, Mich.

Darhm Rani, Mynpurie—Eighth Church, Chicago.

Aghain, Mynpurie—Alton, Ill.

Bessie, Rawal Pindi—Eighth Church, Chicago.

Bible woman—Sterling, Ill.

PUPILS IN INDIA.

Kamran, Mynpurie—Ionia, Mich.

Grace, Mynpurie—Eighth Church, Chicago.

Mary Gilmore Bell, Lodiana Orphanage, Miss A. Calhoun—Austin, Texas.

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Winnie, Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Child, Mrs. Wilder's school, Kolapoor—Three Rivers, Mich.
Elizabeth, Miss Walsh's school, Allahabad—Princeville, Ill.
Munia, Futtegurh—Richardson Missionary Band, Detroit.
Grace Patterson, Dehra Doon—Coldwater, Mich.
Julia, Dehra Doon—Woodhull, Henry County, Ill.
Jane Dullo—First Church, Chicago.

SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

Hoffman School, Futtehgurh—Detroit.
Pierson School, Futtehgurh—Detroit.
Harriet Newell School, Futtehgurh—Henry, Ill.
A School, Futtehgurh—Granville, O.

SYRIA.

A Girl, Mount Lebanon—Jefferson Avenue Bee Hive Band, Detroit.
Mariam Negem, Sidon–Aurora, Ind.
Student from Safeta, in Seminary, Beirut—Evanston, Ill.
School near Sidon—Rock Island, Ill.

PERSIA.

Pupils supported in the Female Seminary, Oroomiah:
Serra, of Cherragoosha—Little Gleaners, Yypsilanti.
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Gozel, of Superghan—Franklin, Mich.
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Rachil, of Carajala—Detroit.
Esther, of Tacca—Northville, Mich.
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Hannah, of Geogtapha—Danville, Ill.
Lazza, of Gulpatalahan—Lake Forest, Ill.
Gooley, of Wazerawa—Lake Forest, Ill.
Naylo, of Euchevlare—Rev. B. F. Fancher, of Homer, Mich.
Hannah, of Mount Murrium—Mrs. Pearson, First Church, Chicago.

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Sera, of Geotapha—Perry, Pike County, Ill.
Pupil—Wabash, Ind.
Pupil—Henry, Ill.
Pupil—Mount Pleasant, Iowa.
Pupil—Mission Band, Westminster Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

NATIVE TEACHERS.

Hannah, on the plain of Salmes—Waukegan, Ill.

Hosheboo, of Serralon, assistant in Female Seminary, Oroomiah—Lafayette, Ind.

Pharasat, assists Miss Jewett, at Tabreez—Jewett Band, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Miss Jewett's school at Tabreez.

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Waukegan, Cheerful Workers.
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Springfield, Young Ladies' Mission Band, Miss Mollie Herring.
Riverside, Girls' Mission Circle, Miss Lula Nexson.
Peoria, Infant Class Mission Band.
Evanston, Noyes Band, Miss Alice Kitchell.
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Rockford, Little Workers, Miss Holmes.

INDIANA.

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Valparaiso, Willing Workers, Miss Mary Dunning.
Michigan City, Busy Bees, Miss Amelia Neimer.
Michigan City, Cheerful Givers.

IOWA.

Council Bluffs, Band of Hope, Miss Effie Orr.
Marion, Cheerful Givers.
Wheatland, Little Helpers.
Wheatland, Young People's Missionary Society, Miss Libbie Rogers.
Vinton, Infant Mission Band.
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called the Women's Presbyterian Board of Missions.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to promote an interest among the Christian Women of the Northwest in the work of Foreign Missions, and to work in co-operation with the Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Society shall be a *President*, six *Vice Presidents*, or more—two of them only residents of Chicago—three *Corresponding Secretaries*, a *Recording Secretary*, a *Treasurer*, sixteen or more *Managers*, and an *Auditress*. These officers shall be elected at each annual meeting. and shall constitute an *Executive Committee*, with power to appoint such sub-committees from their number as shall be necessary for the furtherance of the work in which the Society is engaged. They shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in the Board, and of appointing Corresponding members when the interests of the Society demand it.

ARTICLE IV.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute a membership, and twenty-five dollars a life membership.

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ARTICLE V.

The Annual meeting of this Society shall be held————at which time the Executive Committee shall report the progress of the Society, the condition of its Treasury, and make such suggestions as, in their judgment, the interests of the Society may require.

ARTICLE VI.

A meeting of the Society shall be held on each month, on——— in ——— for mutual consultation, and the adoption of such measures as the prosperity of the mission work may suggest.

ARTICLE VII.

At the monthly meeting *five* members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

No special meeting shall be called except by the consent of the President, one Vice President and one Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

Any number of ladies who may form an organization for the same purpose as the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions, and desiring to co-operate therewith, may become an Auxiliary, by reporting the same to one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Society.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at an annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 1. This Board will work in harmony with, and under the supervision of the authorities of the Assembly's Boards of Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and shall be subject to their approval in the employment and remuneration of missionaries; and in the designation of their fields of labor, and in the support of Bible readers and pupils in the foreign field.

SECTION 2. All missionaries supported by this Board shall be approved by the constituted Missionary authorities of the Presbyte-

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rian Church, and shall labor under their direction, and shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries of their particular mission.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer shall receive all contributions of this Board, and shall pay them into the Treasury of the Assembly's Boards of Missions, as designated by the Auxiliaries, and all funds not thus designated shall be appropriated according to the decision of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

The President or one of the Vice Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

The Recording Secretary shall notify of all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretaries shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, conduct the correspondence of the Board with Foreign and Home Missionaries, and with all Auxiliary Societies, and shall endeavor to form Auxiliary Societies. It shall also be their duty to present to the annual meeting of this Board a report of the work accomplished during the year, for publication.

CONSTITUTION FOR AN AUXILIARY TO THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I.

The Society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of———.

ARTICLE II.

Its objects shall be to secure systematic contributions for Foreign Missions, and to disseminate missionary intelligence; also to encourage missionary effort in our own Church.

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